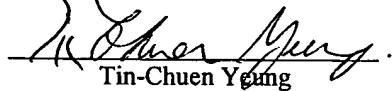


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**REPLY TO NOVEMBER 29, 2005 OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action of November 29, 2005, which set a shortened statutory response period of three-months. Accordingly, this Reply is accompanied by a concurrently filed Three Month Petition for Extension of Time bringing the response date to May 29, 2006. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.